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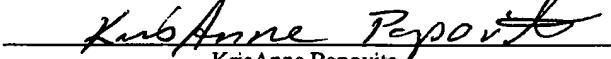
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Group 3763**

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Title:	<b>SENSOR SYSTEM INCLUDING A PORT BODY</b>		

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Sir:

The Office Action of November 25, 2002 for the above-identified application did not contain the PTO-892 form, copies of the cited references, or the patent numbers for the references (all but one of the references were cited in the Office Action by name only). Thus, a response to the Office Action is not possible because the Examiner has not sufficiently identified the cited references to Applicants as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(d)(1).

On February 13, March 14, and March 26, 2003, Applicants conversed with the Examiner on the telephone regarding the lack of reference identification. During the first conversation, the Examiner indicated that he had been receiving similar calls from other attorneys and that the failure to provide the PTO-892 form and the copies of the cited references probably resulted from the outside contractor lay-offs the PTO was experiencing at the time of the Office Action mailing. In each conversation, the Examiner graciously offered to immediately resend the Office Action and to restart the response period from the date of the new mailing.

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Applicants very much appreciate the Examiner's offer to resend the Office Action and provide a new response period. However, as of April 4, 2003, the Applicants still have not received the promised Office Action, the PTO-892 form, and the copies of the cited references.

Because the end of the second extension month (April 25, 2003) is quickly approaching, Applicants are formally requesting the expedited mailing of the PTO-892 form and the copies of the cited references, along with the re-sending of the Office Action and a new response period.

Respectfully submitted,

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